



Fall 2015 Activities September - October - November

Scheduled Programs

'Oke' Archery Days

Join a certified archery instructor to learn how to properly and safely shoot a bow and arrow. Free and family friendly, archery programs are available to participants of all ages, even adults. No prior experience required, and all equipment is provided. Programs will incorporate activities on the different types of archery, archery games, 3D targets, and bowhunting. Participants are welcome to attend one program or many. Programs are scheduled from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Registration required, limited space available. Contact the Visitor Center to register.

Saturday, October 17
Saturday, October 31
Saturday, November 14

Interested in reserving group programming?

Rangers are available most Saturdays, as well as during the week to provide programming to school groups, scout groups, and more!

Programs available for all ages. Trips should be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. Contact Ranger Sarah Wyatt to inquire about program reservations at 912-496-7836.

Impromptu programs are available!

Stop by to see what programs are scheduled for the day. Impromptu programs may be happening! Contact the Visitor Center to inquire about programs at 912-496-7836.



Owl Prowl

Join a ranger for a stroll down Chesser Island Boardwalk at sunset. Climb the Owls Roost Tower and experience an Okefenokee

evening. Look, listen, and learn of nocturnal creatures of the swamp. Registration required, limited space available. Contact the Visitor Center to register. Meet at the Visitor Center picnic area.

Saturday, September 19, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 26, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 10, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 31, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Photography Workshops with John Reed

Join award winning nature photographer, John Reed for workshops on nature and wildlife photography. Workshops will include classroom lessons and field shooting. Participants can attend one or both days. Registration and fee are required. Space is limited. Contact the Visitor Center for more information or to register.

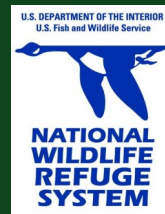
Fall Workshop

Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. &
Sunday, November 8, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Reservations are required for ALL programs. **Contact the Visitor Center at 912-496-7836 to register.**

Please dress for the weather. Programs may be cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather and are subject to staff availability.

All activities start inside the east entrance of Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA, off the Okefenokee Parkway South (GA 121/23). For more information contact the refuge Visitor Center at 912-496-7836, or visit us online at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee or www.facebook.com/okefenokeewildliferefuge.



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Refuge Special Events

National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 26, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Join Okefenokee NWR as we celebrate National Public Lands Day by conducting a cleanup of the historic Chesser Island Homestead. Free hot dogs and refreshments for all participants. Bring gloves and wear closed toes shoes. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Gracie Gooch at the Visitor Center at 912-496-7836 to sign up.

Okefenokee Festival

Saturday, October 10, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Okefenokee Festival will be held in downtown Folkston, and will be a day full of festivities including a 5k race, car show, vendor booths, and more. Check out the refuge booth in town, then visit the refuge to take a boat tour, hike a trail, or participate in a scheduled program! Contact the Okefenokee Chamber of Commerce for more information at 912-496-2536.

National Wildlife Refuge Week

October 11- 17

Join Okefenokee NWR in celebrating National Wildlife Refuge Week by participating in a scheduled program! Visitors can participate in both 'Oke' Archery Days or an Owl Prowl on Saturday, October 17.

Suwanee Canal Recreation Area Quota Hunt

Friday, October 23, and Saturday, October 24

5:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, each day

30 permits will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis, with an additional ten permits reserved for mobility-impaired and/or youth hunters. Hunters must possess a valid state hunting license and follow all state and federal regulations. A \$15.00 permit fee applies.

Okefenokee Pioneer Day

Saturday, November 21, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Visit the Chesser Island Homestead to discover how people once lived in Southeast Georgia. Learn how settlers made soap, brooms, butter, quilts, baskets, and other everyday items. Watch a traditional sugar cane boil, and sample the sweet cane juice. Fun for the whole family.

Refuge News

Fall Hours of Operation

Beginning September 1 - November 30, the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center will resume daily operation, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Beginning November 1 - February 28, the refuge will be open 1/2 before sunrise until 5:30 p.m. Swamp Island Drive closes at 5:00 p.m.; Drive gate closes 90 minutes before refuge closes.

The refuge will be closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

2015-2016 Okefenokee NWR Hunts

The refuge offers hunting opportunities for deer, feral hog, small game, and turkey in the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area, the Pocket, and Cowhouse Island in accordance with state and Federal regulations. Visit the refuge website at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Okefenokee/visit/visitor_activities.html for information, dates, and regulations.

Refuge Fee Free Days

The following dates are fee free - no entry fee required.

September 26 - National Public Lands Day

October 11 - National Wildlife Refuge Week

November 11 - Veteran's Day

Georgia Free Fishing Day

September 26, all day

National Public Lands Day & National Hunting and Fishing Day is a 'Free Fishing Day'. Georgia residents 16 and over can fish without a license. All other fishing regulations apply.

**For more information on refuge special events or news, contact the
Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center at 912-496-7836.**

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